

**39188 to 39190—Continued.** (Quoted note by Mr. W. E. Hess.)**39190. CALATHEA LUTEA** (Aubl.) G. F. W. Meyer. Marantaceæ.**Pampano.**

"This is one of our finest native foliage plants, attaining a height of 10 to 12 feet; its dark-green leaf blades are oblong, round at the apex, 4 to 5 feet long, and 2 to 3 feet wide. The under side is covered with a blue powder. The graceful curved veins give a characteristic appearance. This plant likes rich soil and plenty of moisture. Planted with bananas and other foliage plants near a pond it will rival in beauty any of its neighbors."

**39191. SALIX** sp. Salicaceæ.**Willow.**

From Semipalatinsk, Siberia. Presented by Prof. N. E. Hansen, South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, Brookings, S. Dak.

"Cuttings from small trees I found growing along the creek about 80 miles southwest of Semipalatinsk. This is a very dry region with 8 inches of annual rainfall and the temperature ranging from 50° F. below zero in winter to 106° above in summer. The remarkable characteristic about this willow is that the young shoots can be tied into knots without breaking, so it should be a good basket willow and good for tying bundles of nursery stock." (*Hansen.*)

**39192. HORDEUM VULGARE** L. Poaceæ.**Barley.**

From Tripoli, Libya, Africa. Presented by Dr. F. Franceschi, Florence, Italy. Received September 3, 1914.

"A local variety, of which there is considerable export to Germany and England for beer factories; *Szir* in Tripolino, *Orze* in Italiano." (*Franceschi.*)

**39193. TRITICUM AESTIVUM** L. Poaceæ. **Rivett's Red wheat.**(*Triticum vulgare* Vill.)

From Coggeshall, Essex, England. Presented by John K. King & Sons. Received September 2, 1914.

"Pedigree stock of Rivett's Red wheat."

**39194. ZIZIPHUS JUJUBA** Miller. Rhamnaceæ.**Jujube.**(*Ziziphus sativa* Gaertn.)

From Peking, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received August 24, 1914.

"(Sample 119b. Peking, China. June 22, 1914.) A very large-fruited variety of jujube, passing under the trade name of *Hsiang tsao*, or 'rattling jujube,' referring to the fact that the seeds rattle when shaken. Officially known as *Ta yuan tsao*, or 'big round jujube.' These jujubes come from the vicinity of P'aihsiangchen, southwestern Shansi; they are a rare delicacy in Peking, selling for 30 cents (Mexican) per catty. They are eaten stewed with sugar or honey as a compote with rice and also boiled in rice, the same as western people use prunes. Soaking in water over night improves their delicacy of flavor. Scions sent under No. 1140 [S. P. I. No. 38243]." (*Meyer.*)

**39195. PELARGONIUM** sp. Geraniaceæ.**Geranium.**

From Genoa, Italy. Presented by Mr. John E. Jones, American consul general. Received August 21, 1914.

"Cuttings of a new Pelargonium." (*Jones.*)